

Amendment  
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18. (New): Protective covering according to claim 16, wherein the connecting means between the front and rear panels are straps equipped with fixation and adjustment means.

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~~18.~~ (New): Protective covering according to claim 16, wherein the connecting means between the front and rear panels are elastic straps.

20. (New): Protective covering according to claim 16, wherein the panels of the rim are connected to each other at least at the extremities of their lateral edges by snap fasteners or latches.